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Dunseith Man Pleads Guilty to Assault

MINOT - United States Attorney Timothy Q. Purdon announced that on August 30, 2010, **Joseph Great Walker**, 20, of Dunseith, North Dakota, pleaded guilty before United States District Court Judge Daniel L. Hovland to a charge of assault resulting in serious bodily injury.

Sometime between March 14 and 15, 2009, Great Walker attacked and assaulted a man who was walking in the St. Mary's housing area near Dunseith, North Dakota. Following the assault, the victim was taken to the hospital where he underwent surgery for a fractured leg.

The charge of assault resulting in serious bodily injury carries a statutory maximum penalty of 10 years in federal prison and a \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Turtle Mountain Agency.

Sentencing for Great Walker has been scheduled for November 29, 2010, at 2:00 p.m., in United States District Court in Minot, North Dakota.

Assistant United States Attorney Brandi Sasse Russell is prosecuting the case.

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